

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 5 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019
STINSON BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER, BELVEDERE AVENUE**

Advisory Board (AB) Members Present

Toby Bisson (TB) Chair
Jamie Sutton (JS)
Howard Schechter (HS)

District Staff (Staff) Present

Hannah Lee, Senior Civil Engineer
Gerhard Epke, Senior Program Coordinator

Advisory Board (AB) Members Absent

Barry Harris (BH) Vice Chair
John Washington (JW)

Item 1. Walking Tour of Parkside Sediment Trap and Calle Bridge Crossings

See Item 4 for discussion of findings.

TB called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Item 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2019

Action by Board: Approve minutes, as written, with no amendments.

M/S: JS/HS, Ayes: All, Nay: None

Item 3. Open time for items not on the agenda

Mia Monroe, Park Ranger with the National Park Service, announced a bioblitz at Stinson Beach on April 27 at 9:30 am. A bioblitz is an intense period of biological surveying with volunteer observers. Meet at the lifeguard tower.

Item 4. Annual Creek Maintenance and Sediment Management Planning

AB discussed observations from the walking tour of the sediment basin and Calle bridges. Despite some remaining capacity at the sediment basin it was agreed that the workplan this summer should include routine sediment removal at this location because permits exist and the need for emergency excavation should be avoided if possible.

A cobble bar is established in the middle of the channel beneath and downstream of Pinos bridge, which partially occludes the bridge's capacity. The possibility of excavating this sediment was discussed and decided against because of the cost, biological impacts, and the possibility that it would not have a beneficial effect because access under the bridge is difficult.

Action by Board: Agree to not pursue excavating sediment at Calle bridge crossings but instead to work within the scope of existing environmental permits to direct flow such that it naturally scours open the Pinos culvert.

M/S: HS/JS Ayes: All, Nay: None

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Item 5. GGNRA Beach Park Long-Range Planning Discussion

Mia Monroe, NPS Park Ranger and Marin Community Liaison with GGNRA introduced herself, cited the GGNRA General Management Plan summary about working with the community to address flooding here, and reported on the Park Service's plans for the Stinson Beach Parking lot and Easkoot Creek. Due to lack of resources at the local office, GGNRA has secured funding for next steps through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Beginning in July, a team from FHWA will begin to look at opportunities for upgrading the beach parking lot with a focus on expanding the sediment basin and expanding the area's capacity for handling overflow events. JS suggested an actively managed bypass structure should be considered and that the AB is interested in having early input to the planning. It is unclear at this point whether there will be a scoping session or what other opportunities for early input from this group might be. Mia suggested that the AB could offer hosting a public meeting with the FHWA team this summer.

Action by Board: Offer hosting the FHWA planning team for a public meeting to provide early input in the project scoping phase

M/S: TB/HS **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None

Item 6. Zone Engineer's Report

A. Winter Storm Report and Gauges
There was no update on winter storms.

AB and Staff discussed the potential of expanding the County's OneRain gauge system to Stinson to potentially replace and expand upon the County Water District weather station.

Item 7. Update on County (Non-District) Programs

- A. Coastal Sea Level Rise Adaptation Proposals
In addition to what is in the staff report, staff reported that the County planner who was managing this effort has left to a job in San Francisco so selection of a consulting firm could be delayed, but that the pool of candidates was promising.
- B. No report
- C. Potential Application for Wildlife Corridor and Fish Passage Program Grant
Staff described the goal of the grant application being prepared by the County Parks and Open Space District and potential benefits to the flood risk reduction efforts of Zone 5.

Action by Board: Recommend that the District Board of Supervisors increase the Zone 5 budget by \$4,000 next fiscal year.

M/S: HS/JS **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None